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Title: System and Method for Restricting Data Transfers and Managing Software  
Components of Distributed Computers

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 20, 2004**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 20, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application, the following remarks are submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

A detailed listing of the claims is provided below. A status identifier is provided for each claim in a parenthetical expression following each claim number.